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DEMOLITION ON EAST BERKELEY

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- May 2 Tentative meeting Emergency Tenants Council. All tenants of Parcel 19 invited. Call 262 1342 to verify meeting.
- May 3 First day of May Clean-up Campaign sponsored by Little City Hall, South End
- May 7 Ad Hoc Housing Committee, 12:30 every Wednesday, 48 Rutland Residents and representatives of organizations invited. Sandwiches and coffee 50¢. Call Mrs. Strong 536 8215
- May 8 Union Park Neighborhood Association, Union Methodist Church Steering Committee for an Elected Urban Renewal Committee
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